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Senate bidding taskforce to hear from MDOT, veterans affairs

Who: Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, and other members of the bipartisan taskforce looking at the state's bidding process.

What: The taskforce, chaired by Kuipers, will hear from representatives from the state departments of transportation, and military and veteran affairs.

When: 2:30 p.m., Thursday

Where: 210 Farnum Bldg., 125 W. Allegan St., Lansing

Briefing: The five members of the bidding-process taskforce were chosen by Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema to review how state officials go about selling state land. The panel is looking at the types of contracts put out for bid, costs associated with bids, no-bid contracts and the effectiveness of the governor's executive directives regarding departmental bidding.

Earlier this month, the taskforce heard from the director of the Department of Management and Budget, which controls much of the state's buying and selling of land. The other departments scheduled to talk with the taskforce and the Department of Natural Resources control the state land not governed by the DMB. DNR is unable to send a representative to the taskforce hearing.

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